

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

SCHEME OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Regulation 16(1) (b) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 of the Scheme of Members' Allowances for the year commencing 1 April 2025.

This Scheme was approved by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council on 10 December 2024 in exercise of the powers conferred by the above Regulations where it was determined to continue with the existing scheme of allowances until such time as the Council's pay and reward has been finalised. Any changes in allowances from the preceding year shall take effect from the date of the Annual Meeting for each year and the allowances set out in the schedule shall be increased in accordance with the Employees' National Pay Award when determined and backdated to the date of the Annual Meeting (6 May 2025).

The Members Allowances payable for the 2025/2026 period are as follows (*subject to the application of the pay award when known):

	1 Apr to 31 Mar 2026* £
Basic Allowance for each of the 76 Members	£15,109
Special Responsibility Allowances:-	
Leader of the Council	£32,730
Cabinet Members (including Deputy Leader)	£21,820
Lead Members	£12,087
Chair of the Council	£12,087
Vice-Chair of the Council	£6,045
Chair of Audit and Governance Committee	£12,087
Chair of Planning Committee	£12,087
Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Board	£9,065
Chairs of Overview & Scrutiny Committees	£9,065
Chair of Licensing Committee	£12,087
Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee	£3,023
Chair of Appeals Committee	£3,628
Chair of Standards Committee	£3,628
Group Leaders*	£3,628
Co-optees Allowance and Independent Members Allowance	£1,211

(*NOTE: minority parties must have a membership of no fewer than 5 for their Leader to receive an SRA)

No Member is entitled to more than one special responsibility allowance with the exception that a Group Leader's SRA can be payable as a second SRA.

The scheme also allows Councillors to claim reimbursement of travel, subsistence and carers' allowance expenses.

Under these Regulations, the Council in agreeing this Scheme has considered any applicable recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

A copy of the full scheme of Members' Allowances for 2025/26 is available for inspection at the BCP Civic Offices, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY during normal office hours and in Part 7 of the Constitution at www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk